



Global public health: A scorecard

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Abstract:

Global health is attracting an unprecedented level of interest. In this paper, we summarise recent trends and identify the unfinished and new agendas in global public health. We propose a global public health scorecard as a simple way to assess progress and suggest actions by public health practitioners and their organisations for improving the effectiveness of public health. Although we find many recent positive developments in global health, the potential for global cooperation and progress is still largely untapped. Compared with other components of development, health improvement should easily foster global cooperation; strong advocacy and political will are keys to continuing progress. We view global public health as a barometer of more general development. Our responses to the current health challenges are at the forefront of the global struggle for survival.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Food/Water Security, Temperature

Temperature: Fluctuations

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Cancer, Cardiovascular Effect, Developmental Effect, Diabetes/Obesity, Infectious Disease, Injury, Mental Health/Stress, Morbidity/Mortality, Respiratory Effect, Other Health Impact

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Cardiovascular Effect: Stroke, Other Cardiovascular Effect

Cardiovascular Disease (other): Heart disease

Developmental Effect: Reproductive

Infectious Disease: Foodborne/Waterborne Disease, General Infectious Disease, Vectorborne Disease

Foodborne/Waterborne Disease: General Foodborne/Waterborne Disease

Vectorborne Disease: General Vectorborne

Mental Health Effect/Stress: Mood Disorder

Other Health Impact: Maternal and child health

Medical Community Engagement: 

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern: 

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Elderly, Pregnant Women

Resource Type: 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified